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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
Room 225
3630 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

A reliable source has advised that Georgi N. Bolshakov, Chief, Washington Bureau of the Tass News Agency, in discussing the current situation in China on January 31, 1955, indicated that he was very worried over the possibility of war. According to our source, Bolshakov remarked that "if the United States attacks the mainland of China, the USSR will definitely go to war." The informant advised that Bolshakov was most emphatic in this statement and appeared positive that the Soviet Union would declare war on the United States in event of an attack by the United States against the mainland of China. The informant does not know whether Bolshakov was expressing a personal opinion or whether his remarks were based on official knowledge.

The above is for your information. This information has also been furnished to Honorable Robert Cutler, Special Assistant to the President; Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State; Mr. Arthur W. General, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Mr. Patrick Major, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Mr. William J. Donovan, Director of the War Relocation Authority; Mr. Thomas A. Blanton, Director of the National Security Council; Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Mr. John L. Tamm, Assistant Chief of Staff, Department of State; Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Assistant Secretary of State, Department of State.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Edgar Hoover

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